Soil Testing is Profitable Project For Virginia Farmers

Soil testing is one of the first steps to efficient farming.

So says Jim Smith, county agent in Appomattox. He points out that the Agronomy Department at VPI, which provides soil testing facilities for Virginia farmers, last year ran tests on 73,330 samples.

Smith says that the soil test can help farmers determine lime and fertilizer needs. Tests run on samples submitted to the VPI laboratory are pH, calcium, magnesium, organic matter, phosphate, and potash.

He says it takes well trained people to handle soil tests accurately. The Soil Testing Laboratory in the Agronomy Department at VPI has well trained laboratory technicians, supervisors and research advisors.

Emmett D. Reynolds, a native of Pittsylvania, is laboratory supervisor. He is a college graduate in chemistry and has been in charge of the lab since its beginning in 1938. That year about 2,000 samples were run, as compared to last year's 73,330. Four other well trained technicians are employed full time in the laboratory, and additional technicians are employed during the rush season between November and May.

ABOVE: Equipment in the VPI Soil Testing Laboratory is among the most modern and complete in the nation. Here it is inspected by (left to right) Dr. C. I. Rich, W. W. Lewis and Emmett D. Reynolds.

Worked of Crippled Children's Hospital

There is hope and help at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Richmond for children of Virginia who are victims of parlytic poliomyelitis. Since 1953, for instance, total admissions to the hospital have averaged four hundred patients a year, and twelve per cent of these have been polio cases.

Among these was Jim, twelve years old when first admitted to Crippled Children's Hospital, his arms, legs, abdomen, and back severely weakened by polio. Eight years later he had finished three years of college, could dance, play ping pong, and participate in most of the general activity of college life.

This was not a sudden miracle, however. First there were five months of daily physical therapy; two years later, an operation on the left foot and two months in the hospital; nine months later, a leg operation requiring six weeks of hospital care; two and a half years later, a spine operation with six months in the hospital in a series of casts extending from neck to toes and between each period of hospital care, examinations at quarterly clinics held at the hospital. When Jim was finally discharged from the care of the hospital he could walk unaided and wore only a special plastic jacket for support.

While in the hospital, Jim finished high school, instructed by one of the teachers provided by the State Board of Education, and he went on to do satisfactory college work.

The cost of all this care could not possibly have been borne by Jim's family, but with the free services provided by the Crippled Children's Hospital, with cooperation from the Crippled Children's Bureau of the Virginia State Health Department, the National Foundation, and many interested groups and individuals, today this former patient is an active, educated citizen instead of a hopeless invalid.

In spite of recent advances in control of polio, there are now and will be many cases requiring long periods of treatment such as Jim had. Crippled Children's Hospital stands ready to help. (The hospital receives no funds from the sale of Easter Seals.)

Rocks

Rocks, May 30.- Farmers are busy planting tobacco, after such a good season, and a wonderful rain.

Wilson Almond is recovering from an operation at Shenandoah Hospital in Roanoke last Tuesday.

S. C. Ranson entered Lynchburg General Hospital last Tuesday and was operated on Thursday.

Mrs. Kate Sadler was operated on at the Lynchburg General Hospital Tuesday.

Kermit Paulette got his foot hurt Tuesday by a horse falling on it. He was lucky to not have gotten hurt worse.

Wiley Ranson entered the McGuire Hospital in Richmond last week

Mrs. L. C. Elder spent the most of last week at her home here.

Donald Roach was in an auto wreck Sunday night and is a patient at Lynchburg General Hospital.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach were visiting him at the hospital Monday.

Emory Ranson, of Amherst, and sister, Mrs. Woodrow Fleshman, of near Red House were visiting their brother, Wiley Ranson Sunday at a hospital in Richmond.

Mrs. Lloyd Richardson, Mrs. Clarence Richardson and Ruby Jane were in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, of New York are spending a few days at their home here.

Emmett Dinkins arrived Sunday for a few days here with his mother, Mrs. Kate Dinkins.

Anita Wilcox spent last Wednesday night with her aunt, Mrs. Elsie Perdieu, of Charlotte C. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paulette, of near Evergreen were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and family, and Mrs. D. R. Inge awhile late Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Richard Inge was among the number who received their B. S. degree at Longwood College Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and family and Mrs. D. R. Inge attended the G. A. Coronation Service at Liberty Church Sunday. The latter's granddaughter, Anita Richardson, was crowned queen.

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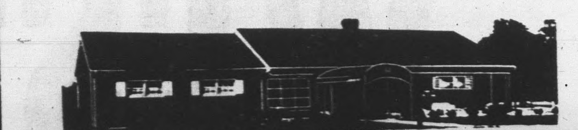

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PERSONALS

Ivey Holland, of V. P. I., home for the week-end.

Senator Chas. T. Moses is able out, after a brief illness.

Jennings Ferguson is visiting week in the home of Mrs. Paulette.

and Mrs. Herman Robertson, ngston were Sunday guests and Mrs. John W. Gunter.

and Mrs. C. R. Rexrode, of nburg are visiting Mrs. 's mother, Mrs. T. W. Oder.

Carrie H. Caldwell is spending some time with relatives in Bluefield, West Va.

Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson will spend this week-end in Richmond with her sister, Mrs. Russell F. Wagers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jamerson and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Guill spent the week-end at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Charles T. Levi returned to her home at Berryville on Tuesday, after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Blythe.

Mrs. J. H. Beard and daughter, Mrs. Lewis Martin are visiting relatives this week in Roanoke.

Kenneth Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watts Moore is a patient in a Richmond hospital.

Mrs. H. B. Pack, Sr., of Blacksburg, arrived today to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pack, Jr.

William C. Poston, of Amelia, underwent an operation at Southside Hospital, Farmville on Monday.

Mrs. Ruth B. Cole visited her father, J. Alex Bingham, on Monday. He is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sevy, of New Meadows, Idaho, are visitors in the home of their son and daughter-in-law Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Sevy.

Mr. W. T. Paulette and son, Michael, of Richmond, were week-end visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Tilden Paulette.

Linda Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mann, has returned home from the hospital and is doing nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Edmunds, of Lawrenceville, and Miss Mary Jo Edmonds, of Richmond, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Edmonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Franklin, of Baltimore spent the week-end with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin and sons.

Mrs. Clarence Franklin and sons, Mrs. Ella Hatcher and Mr. and Mrs. Judson Franklin visited Mrs. Winnie Drinkard on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Watts Moore and son are spending this week in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Wingfield.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Covington were Mrs. Jennings Ferguson and Mrs. W. T. Paulette, of Richmond, Mrs. Beryl Covington and sons, Mark and Walker, of Goldsboro, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson and Mr. Wm. S. Jones were in Lynchburg Monday, to attend the annual Memorial Day exercises at the Confederate Cemetery. Mr. Robinson was the guest speaker at that occasion.

Misses Ora and Phyllis Paulette had as their guests during the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott and daughter, Amy, of Danville, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Moore, of Darlington Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jo Paulette, of Halifax.

Miss Virginia Shouse, Miss Helen Minnetta Shouse and Mrs. Shouse left Tuesday for Lexington, Ky., where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon S. Dummet. While there they will attend the graduation of Samuel Stranghan Shouse, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Clyde G. O'Brien have returned from Indianapolis, Ind., where they met friends and attended the races. Dr. O'Brien meets annually with friends with whom he served in the U. S. Navy in World War II.

Mrs. J. S. Kinney is recovering at the Lynchburg General Hospital from a recent operation. Her daughters, Misses Laura and Ellen Kinney, of Richmond, and son, Kennon Kinney, of Newport News visited her during the week-end.

Mrs. J. J. Chernault, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Chernault, and Mrs. Ed Blackwell attended the funeral of Mrs. Clara Taylor, of Richmond on Monday. Mrs. Taylor was the aunt of Mrs. Ed Blackwell and Henry T. Chernault.

Mrs. C. L. McDearmon motored to Staunton today and was accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Mary Anna McDearmon, a student at Mary Baldwin College, who will spend several weeks here, prior to attending summer school at the College of William and Mary this summer.

C. Lewis McDearmon, Jr., will graduate from V. P. I. on June 12th. He is a member of Southside Virginia Club and McBryde Club and 2nd vice-president of the Alpha Phi Omega Club. Mr. and Mrs. C. Lewis McDearmon will motor to Blacksburg Sunday, and will attend the graduation exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Marshall had as their guests over the holiday week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Abbitt Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jenkins, Miss Douglas Marshall and Mrs. Billy Rudd, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. David Marshall, of Richwood, West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. DeWitt Evans and son, Tom, and Betty Jane Alvis will spend the week-end in Williamsburg, where they will attend the graduation exercises at the College of William and Mary. The Evans' daughter, Mary Walker, will be among the graduates, and will receive her B. S. Dedgree. They will be accompanied to Williamsburg by Miss Annie Alvis, of Richmond, Ky., who will be here with the Evans' for a few days.

Honor Roll For A. H. S.

The honor roll at the Appomattox High School for the past month has been compiled by the Beta Club, as follows:

12th Grade

Mrs. Gilbert: Bill Caldwell, Penny Abbitt, Sara Adams, Louise Baldwin, Jo Ann Beamer, Margaret Bragg, Nancy Evans.

Mrs. Beamer: Tommy Drinkard, Stuart Fuller, Lyle Garrette, Charles Gills, Mildred Franklin, Nancy Godsey, Hazel Hammock, Carolyn Jones, Anne Martin, Joan Martin, Luella Martin.

Mrs. Cheatham: Brian Thomas, Johnny Taylor, Charles Shirey, Douglass Seamster, Myron Richardson, Ruth Ranson, Ruby Richardson, Linda Sarver, Eloise Rosser, Barbara Webber, Linda Reed.

11th Grade

Mrs. Morris: Thomas Ashworth, Lary Bingham, Harold Conner, Betty Alvis, Carey Ann Carson, Harriett Carson, Phyllis Clifton, Evelyn Coleman, Rachel White.

Miss Holley: Robert Garrette, Teddy Garrett, Robert Gunter, Linda Jamerson, Betty Godsey, Barbara Lee, Faye Martin, Gerald Leffers, Howlett Hunter.

Mrs. Holland: Jayne Martin, Eva Moore, Patricia Phelps, Helen Faye Martin.

Mr. Hilbert: Billy Slagle, Phyllis Thompson, Larry Torrence, Patsy Wilcox, Betsy Williams.

10th Grade

Mrs. McClenny: Lawrence Beard, Calvin Ferguson, Richard Hamlett, Jean Brown, Lawrence Hamlett, Helen Almond, Virginia Caldwell, Nancy Chandler, Carole Gilbert, Jean Gunter, Warren Baldwin.

Mr. Hudson: Sandra Saunders, Sandra Saten, Patricia Thomas, Judy Thompson, Sandra Trent, Catherine Richardson.

9th Grade

Mrs. Taylor: Robert Morris, Austin Pankey, Joyce Irby, Patsy Jamerson, Nancy Lewis, Mary C. Mitchell, Joyce Moon.

Mrs. Thomas: Marlene Barger, Doris Bass, Carson Crawley, Maggie Ferguson, Suzanne Gills.

Mrs. leRoux: James Whitehead, Buddy Wilcox, Mary Lou Jamierson, Patricia Jones, Caynell Martin, Alice Martin, Joan Moses, Nancy Jo Kidd.

Mrs. Green: Mary McClenny, Eleanor Ranson, Jacqueline Sarver, Barbara Thomas.

Miss Wood: John Harrison.

8th Grade

Mrs. Martin: Phyllis Allen, Ginger Bean, Sarah Braford, Brenda Carson, Linda Carter, Linda Cheatham, Carolyn Coleman, Joan Crowder, Dale Cyrus, Gloria Doss, Alice Evans, Gloria Garrett, Janice Gilleam, Helen Gunter, Patricia Hall, Charlotte Hamlette, Vicki Mayberry, Doris McIntosh, Sandra Pankey, Diane Puckette, Gloria Ranson, Linda Slagle, Jane Stanley, Kathryn Taylor.

Mr. Bragg: Tom Evans, Donald Hamilton, Thomas Lucado, Herbert Martin, Jimmy Martin, Doug Mitchell, Mike Mitchell, Charles Martin, Ronny Spiggle, Herbert Shirey, Joe Terry, Jimmy Torrence.

Miss Black: Jane Wilson, Jane Williams Marie Price, Clara Phelps, Marelyn Martin.

World's wheat stock is put at a 2-year supply.

Society

Newly Weds Honored

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Keesee at the Appomattox Hotel on Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 P. M. The dining area was decorated with spring flowers and a blue umbrella was open above the table, filled with a shower of packages. Blue candles and roses decorted the refreshment table.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Joyce Vaughan, Miss Caroline Davis, and Miss Violet Martin.

The guests took plart in playing games, after which many lovely packages were opened by the bride and groom. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Guests who were present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pillow, parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Keesee, parents of the groom; Mrs. Susie Martin, Mrs. Vera Cyrus, Miss Audrey Evans, Mrs. Irene Mays, Miss June Martin, Miss Virginia Rush, Mrs. Christine Harvey, Mrs. H. B. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coleman, Mrs. Sue Childers, Mrs. W. T. Childers, Miss Becky Reynolds, Mrs. Katherine Carson, Miss Penny Abbitt, Miss Harriett Carson, Mrs. Paul Carwile, Mrs. F. C. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCormick, Mrs. Ellie Hunter, Mrs. Alice Layne, Mrs. Frances Hunter, Mrs. Pauline Oxford, Mrs. Sylvia Denny, Mrs. Blenza Rush and Kathy Gale, Mrs. Ruth Roach, and Mrs. Hassie Griffin.

ADKINS - BALDWIN

Mr. and Mrs. Witt Baldwin, of Pamplin, announce the marriage of their daughter, Peggy, to Tommy Adkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Adkins, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. The wedding took place Saturday night at 7:30, at the home of the bride's parents in Pamplin.

The Rev. W. M. Black officiated. Miss Mary Frances Gowin was maid of hnor and Bradley Baldwin was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins will make their home in Upper Sandusky, O.

Brightwell 4-H Club

Mrs. Brightwell's 4-H Club met May 12. The president led in the 4-H pledge. The insect projects were judged. Blue ribbons went to Susie Meadows, Kathy Goin and to Margaret Goin. Others won red and white ribbons. A movie on the yellow jacket was shown. All of the officers were present.

Grain Storage

Sufficient grain storage space on the farm is an acute need in many counties in Virginia, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) State office reports.

W .T. Powers, ASC State Administrative Officer, says that storage facility loans to help farmers who lack ready money to buy grain storage bins are available through ASC. Under the program farmers can borrow up to 80 per cent of the cost of erecting bins. Such loans are payable in equal installments over four years and carry 4 per cent interest on the unpaid balance.

Farm storage promotes the orderly marketing of grain. Take corn, for example. The October 15, 1959 price of corn was $1.15 per bushel. In mid-April, 1960, the price was $1.35 per bushel. By having facilities to hold grain on the farm and not selling at harvest time when the price is usually low, farmers can often profit by selling later when prices are higher.

Figures obtained from a typical Virginia county having 30 storage facility loans show that the cost of a 1,000-bushel capacity, prefabricated metal bin averages about $475. Preparing a foundation and farm labor costs amount to an additional $85 not covered by loan, bringing the total cost of the bin to $560.

Using the foregoing example, the loan based on 80 per cent of the cost of the bin would amount to $380. The first year's payment would be $95 plus interest, or $110.20. By placing the farm-stored grain under a price support loan and selling the grain sometime after harvest, the average profit over selling at harvest time could be at least 5 cents per bushel, or about $50 on a 1,000-bushel lot.

This profit plus about $100 saved that otherwise would be spent on commercial storage adds up to a total gain of $150 in the first year. This saving would more than pay for the first year's payment on the loan.

Whether or not grain is to be marketed or placed under loan, Powers said that there should be adequate safe storage on any farm where grain is handled. A definite lack of such storage exists today in much of the state's grain producing areas.

PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. Ruth M. Sanderson will present a recital by her piano pupils tonight at 7:30. The recital will be presented in the auditorium of the Appomattox Elementary School.

Birthday List

Rixey Southall, III, May 2.
Frank Howard Southall, May 17.
Carolyn Sue Southall, May 31.
D. S. Arrington, June 1.
Donald Peterson, June 1.
Luther Nash, June 1.
Ronald Wayne Hipps, June 2.
Mrs. L. M. Southall, June 2.
Carrie Richardson, June 5.
Peggy Baldwin, June 13.
Carrie Taylor, June 17.
Mrs. J. Henry Wilkerson, June 16
Bess Arrington, June 19.
Flora Dickerson, June 18.
Pearl Ranson, June 18.
C. S. Ranson, June 18.
Phillip Inge, June 19.
Teresa McIntosh, June 19.
Alice Inge, June 22.
Donald Roach, June 28.
Carrington Wilkerson June 16.
Mrs. T. D. Harris, June 7.
Mrs. Juddy Glover, June 4.
Mr. G. W. Glover, June 12.
Mr. H. W. Glover, June 24.
Vernie Jones, May 28.
Wayne Moore, May 28.
Mrs. James Waller, June 1.

FORESTRY CAMP

The annual forestry camp located at Holliday Lake in Appomattox County and sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and the wood using industry, will be held from June 27 through July 1.

One hundred boys who have performed good forestry practices and who have furthered forest conservation have been awarded expense paid scholarships to the camp.

Area boys attending the camp include: Cecil Deane, Route 3, Appomattox; G. H. Jamerson, Appomattox; Sam Scott, Spout Spring.

Boys attending the week - long camp will be instructed in forest management techniques, reforestation, forest fire prevention, and control, as well as related subjects. Instructions will be given by Industry and Virginia Division of Forestry foresters.

Local Youths Injured

Three local youths were injured when their pickup truck ran off Route 24 a mile east of here at 3:15 P. M. Tuesday. Aubrey B. Evans, III, and Teddy Wendell Moore, and Erie Wilkins were in the car. The vehicle was demolished. The youths are recovering.

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